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# SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15th, 1896.

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## MEETINGS, 1901—1902.

- MAY 1. Annual Meeting.  
Reading of Annual Reports; Election of Officers.  
Paper on "Schools." Miss Mary W. Nichols of Danvers.
- MAY 8. Meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall.  
Address on "Evacuation of Boston," illustrated. Gen'l Francis H. Appleton.
- AUG. 14. Field Meeting at Proctor's Corner.  
Roome and Wilkins houses open for inspection. Walks to old mill and other objects of interest in neighborhood. Addresses: Welcome by President. "History of the Belief in Witchcraft and its Development in New England," Hon. J. P. Baxter of Portland, Me., President of N. E. Hist. and Geneal. Society. "Recently Discovered Reports of Trials of Accused Persons," Wm. P. Upham. Brief remarks by Hon. Geo. VonL. Meyer, U. S. ambassador to Italy; Hon. Robert S. Rantoul of Salem, who also exhibited the original parchment deed of the farm given in 1700 by Charles Downing to Thorndick Procter; Capt. A. P. Garduer of Hamilton; Ex-Mayor Peter M. Neal of Lynn, 92 years of age; Rev. O. F. Safford; Mrs. Sarah Joslin, a descendant of John Procter in the seventh generation, spoke of her noted ancestor and at the close of her remarks presented to the Peabody Historical Society, in behalf of the children of Abel Procter, a check to be used to erect a suitable memorial tablet to the memory of John Procter.
- Nov. 6. "Geology of Peabody." John H. Sears, Peabody Academy of Science, Salem.
- DEC. 4. Discussion, "Where were the Witches Hanged?" Sidney Perley, Rev. O. F. Safford, W. S. Nevins.



1902.

- JAN. 1. "Some Events in the Making of the Nation." Rev. L. J. Thomas, Peabody.
- FEB. 5. "History of a Great Colonizing Family." Rev. A. P. Putnam, Salem.
- APR. 2. "Some Old Gardens of Boston," illustrated. Gen'l Francis H. Appleton, Peabody.
- APR. 19. Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers marked by Peabody Cadets, with appropriate services, under the auspices of the Peabody Historical Society. The Society's rooms were open for the reception of visitors during the day.

### NEW MEMBERS.

Aug. 14th, 1901.	Eliz. A. King,	Fannie Brown,
William Armstrong,	Lynnfield,	Andover,
Sarah O. Poole,	Emily H. Campbell,	Addie B. Forrest,
Somerville,	Lynnfield,	Florence Torr,
Nov. 6th, 1901.	May, 1902.	Samuel Osborne Upton.
Joseph G. Porter,	Capt. Wm. F. Wiley.	

### NECROLOGY.

George Sterne Osborne, b. Dec. 12th, 1838; d. May 25th, 1901.  
 Abraham Clark Osborne, b. Oct. 12th, 1821; d. Dec. 14th, 1901.  
 Ellen Osborne Proctor, b. June 18, 1848; d. Jan. 17th, 1902.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits the following report, ending May, 1902.

Balance on hand at last report,	\$185.64
Received for Admissions and Dues,	166.00
Interest from Savings Bank,	8.50
Contributions,	34.25
Social gathering in Oct.,	6.00
Barge fares (Proctor gathering),	8.00
Electric lighting for room,	.25
	<hr/> \$408.64
Paid rent of Rooms, 1 year to April 1,	\$150.00
Use of Holten Lodge hall,	9.00
Electric Lighting,	3.26
Expenses of Proctor day,	27.95
Expenses of Secretary and Treasurer, for circulars, reports, stationery and postage,	23.30
	<hr/> \$213.51
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	195.13
	<hr/> \$408.64

The Treasurer of the Historical Society has in his hands the following funds:

Balance of the General Funds of the Society,	\$195.13
Proctor Memorial Fund,	100.00
Century Chest Fund,	60.10
	<hr/> \$355.23

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

PEABODY, May, 1902.



The Donations to the Society as registered in the Accession Book now number 1722, a gain of 357 since last year. These have been presented by 69 persons, 33 of whom are members of the Society.

The library today contains 639 bound volumes and nearly 600 pamphlets.

During the past year there has been a large increase of visitors, 487 of whom have left their names in our register.

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#### LEXINGTON MONUMENT MEMORANDUM.

In connection with the annual recognition by the Society of the Battle of Lexington, the following memorandum may be of interest to our members. This was written in 1835-6 by Dr. George Osborne as Secretary of Lexington Monument Committee, and presented to the Society in a manuscript book, in 1900, by his son, Dr. George S. Osborne.

ARTICLES inclosed in a zinc box and deposited within the monument at the laying of the corner stone by General Gideon Foster, who was the captain of the company of minute men from Danvers on the memorable 19th of April, 1775:—

Copy of the Salem Gazette of April 17, 1835, printed on cotton fabrick. Donation of the Editors, Messrs. Foote and Chisholm.

Copy of the Salem Mercury, April 15, on paper, by same.

Do. of the Salem Observer of April 18th, 1835, on cotton fabrick. Donation of Editors, Messrs. W. & S. B. Ives.

Do. of same of same date printed on paper. By same.

Do. of the Salem Commercial Advertizer & Essex County Journal of April 15th, on beautiful pink coloured satin. Donation of Editors, Messrs. E. Palfrey & Cook.

Do. of Do. on paper Nov. 19th, 1834. By the same.

Do. of the Essex Register. Donation of the Editors, Messrs. W. Palfrey & Chapman.

New York Prices Current. Donated by Col. Caleb Lowe.

Order of Exercises at the Old South Meeting House in Danvers, April 20th, 1835, 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, printed on parchment.

List of the Officers of the Female Benevolent Society, on parchment.

Copy of the Dinner Tickets, April, 1835, printed on parchment.

Memorandum of the name of John Upton, first projector of the Monument, on parchment.

Company Roll of the Danvers Light Infantry Company on parchment. Donated by the Clerk, J. G. Phelps.

A Sketch of the Old South Meeting House on parchment, "as it appeared in 1711, the time of its erection, in 1775 and 1835." Donation of Fitch Poole, Jr.

List of the Revolutionary Patriots of Danvers, Salem and vicinity invited to the celebration, on parchment.

Lithographic Portrait of Gen'l Gideon Foster of the present day.

Sketches of persons in the fashionable costume of the day—Costumes of 1775.

List of the names of the minute men commanded by Captain G. Foster of Danvers at the Battle of Lexington.

Sixty dollar bill of the Continental Congress Sept. 26th, 1778. Donation of Nathan Lakeman.

Views of various public and private buildings of the town, on parchment. Donation of Nathan Lakeman.

Constitution of U. States on sheet.

An Inscription, on Parchment, containing a list of the Subscribers' names and names of the Superintending Committee, Committee of Arrangements, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Marshall of the Day and the following Caption:

#### THIS MONUMENT

Erected Anno Domine MDCCCXXXV by the Voluntary Contributions of Citizens of Danvers in Commemoration of the Battle of Lexington Apl. 19th, 1775, and in memory of Samuel Cook, Jr., George Southwick, Jr., Benjamin Daland, Henry Jacobs, Jr., Jotham Webb, Perley Putnam and Ebenezer Goldthwaite, Inhabitants of this town who fell on that day.

ANDREW JACKSON

President of the U. States of America

SAMUEL T. ARMSTRONG

Lieut. Gov. and Acting Governor of Massachusetts

(Sheathed in a glass tube, hermetically sealed.)

A brief and neat history of the town of Danvers, on parchment, containing a sketch of characters and things of the present day, written and presented by the author, Nathan Lakeman, Esq.

(Sheathed in a glass tube, hermetically sealed.)

Annual Report of the Town.

American Almanac of 1834. Donation of Capt. Wm. Sutton.

A copper box for coins. Donation of J. B. Loring.

Variety of Gold, Silver and Copper coins of the U. States from various persons.

One half of a Cannon Ball that was fired through Monotomy Meeting House (West Cambridge) on the retreat of the enemy the 19th of April, 1775, picked up by Mr. Andrew Blanchard of Medford. Donation of B. Blanchard of Salem.

Copy of the Declaration of Independence of the U. States America, 4th July, 1776, with fac-simile of the signatures. Donation of W. & S. B. Ives.

On the 18th of October, 1836, the erection of the monument was completed, at which time the box containing the memorials being removed from the corner stone was placed in an excavation in the base of the obelisk for better preservation with some additional memorials of a date subsequent to the laying of the corner stone, among which were, viz.:

#### THIS CERTIFIES

In October, 1836, the time of erecting the super-structure of this monument in commemoration of the Battle of Lexington, April 19th, 1775, the box containing the memorials, which was deposited in the corner stone at the time of laying it, Apr. 20, 1835, was removed and placed in the base of the obelisk for better preservation, at which time several articles were added to the original deposits.

GEORGE OSBORNE, Secretary.

N. B. General Gideon Foster who commanded a company of "minute men" from Danvers at and on the day of the battle is still alive and nearly 86 years of age, being the only survivor of that truly patriotic band.

Major Sylvester Osborne of Danvers is now the only survivor in Danvers of a company of militia men that were present on the day of battle.

On the "History of Danvers," one of the deposits written by N. Lakeman, it was recorded in addition that its author, Nathan Lakeman, died on the 21st of October, 1835, previous to seeing this object of his wishes completed, much lamented by a large circle of acquaintances; that he was also an active member in projecting and forwarding the work.









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